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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE FONMIN'S VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS

1. FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN TOLD DCM MAY 27  
IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT PORTUGUESE FONMIN ANTUNES HAD  
TAKEN A REASSURING LINE IN HIS MEETING SWITH FONOFF  
OFFICIALS ("PORTUGAL WILL REMAIN A DEMOCRATIC STATE"),  
WHEREAS IN HIS EXTENSIVE PRIVATE TALKS WITH FONMIN  
VAN DER STOEL HE WAS MUCH MORE PESSIMISTIC AND SAID WITH  
CONCERN THAT THE SITUATION WAS DETERIORATING DAY BY DAY.  
ANTUNES WAS PARTICULARLY DISTRESSED ABOUT THE ROLE OF  
THE SOVEIT UNION WHICH HE BELIEVED WAS DIRECTING THE  
STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS OF THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY.  
ANTUNES SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF DIPLOMATIC ACTION BY  
NATO INCLUDING AN APPROACH BY NATO MEMBERS TO THE USSR TO  
CEASE DIRECT INTERVENTION IN PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS. RUTTEN  
COMMENTED THAT ANTUNES APPARENTLY DID NOT REALIZE THAT ANY  
SUCH APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS WOULD BE FUTILE SINCE THEY  
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WOULD SIMPLY DENY ANY INVOLVEMENT IN PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS.

2. FURTHER DETAILS OF CONVERSATIONS OF ANTUNES AND HIS  
FELLOW DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL.  
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